

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a A turbo-compound system having a crankshaft driven by an internal combustion engine; having an exhaust gas turbine arranged in the flow of exhaust gas of the internal combustion engine; having a hydrodynamic coupling, comprising having a primary impeller and a secondary impeller, together forming a working chamber which may be filled or is filled with a working medium, which is arranged in a driven connection between the crankshaft and the exhaust gas turbine in such a way that, when the working chamber of the hydrodynamic coupling is filled, for the exhaust gas turbine driven by the exhaust-gas flow, drive power is transmitted from the exhaust gas turbine to the crankshaft. The turbo-compound system according to the invention is characterized in that a switching means is provided for reversing the direction of rotation of the primary impeller or of the secondary impeller of the hydrodynamic coupling.~~

Please replace the second paragraph on page 1 of the Specification with the following:

Turbo-compound systems as well as turbo-compound retarder systems are known to the person skilled in the art. The latter systems, in particular, have, as a rule, a hydrodynamic coupling, which serves for torque transmission between the exhaust gas turbine and the crankshaft of the internal combustion engine. In order to provide the described braking function, as a rule, either a blade wheel of the hydrodynamic coupling is mechanically fixed in place, so that a retarder is functionally created from the hydrodynamic coupling, or the

exhaust gas turbine is operated as a compressor; see, for example, the U.S. Patent No. 5,884,482. In regard to the last-named system, it is also known to reverse the direction of rotation of the exhaust gas turbine in braking operation in order to produce a higher braking torque; see, for example, U.S. Patent No. 4,748,812.

Please delete the second paragraph on page 3 of the Specification as follows:

~~The object according to the invention is achieved by a turbo-compound system with the features of claim 1. The subclaims describe particularly appropriate and advantageous enhancements of the invention.~~